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TO : Chief, Research and Development Branch, OC-E, DATE: 2 April 1954

FROM : Deputy Chief, Engineering Division

SUBJECT: Delay in Delivery of RS-6 Key Click Modification Kits to the Field

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1. With reference to the delivery of the RS-6 Modification Kits by [] in December 1953, and the subsequent three-month delay until these items were placed into stock, I have several comments to make.

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2. Although the delay in this case apparently was due to faulty procedure within the Logistics Office, and although R & D accomplished all necessary routine action, nevertheless a few disturbing questions arise: In view of the priority action requested by DADCO and OC-O&T in this matter, should we not have checked closely on [] delivery of these kits? It seems to me that [] could have failed to deliver and we would have been none the wiser (a la the GN-58 Cable Adapter Unit snafu). What is wrong with our system (as opposed to Logistics') which permits a situation such as this to develop and go undetected?

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3. While we obviously cannot follow every special procurement through to its destination, those familiar with the diverse ways of headquarters must consider the operational requirements of the field and then determine how far to go beyond the minimum action in a particular case. In this instance it was, and is, the "responsibility" of the Research and Development Branch (as well as the Engineering Division) to insure that the RS-6 Key Click Modification Kits are not only produced but also actually reach the field.

4. We intend to discuss this instance of long delay between the time a shipment was received at the Receiving Section at [] and actually placed into stock with the Logistics Office. Please furnish any facts required by Chief, C & E R B, who is collecting information pertinent to our discussions with the Logistics Office.

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ROOM	PERSON	INFO	ACTION	DATE
2601	SS	<i>SS</i>		
2602	AJW			
	MLK			
2605	JCB	<p><i>As I told you and Bruce, I was advised that [redacted] had shipped some months ago. We then left it up to MSB to fill field reports for kits. Perhaps it is up to us to see that they do. However, I felt that they would have advised us if they could not ship. I still believe that LO was at fault.</i></p>		
	EAD			
2611	VEB			
	WWB			
2612	HSM			
2608	THE			
	CEN			
REMARKS:		<p><i>Can you let me have facts so I can discuss w/ R&D?</i></p> <p><i>I think we did well to get [redacted] to ship without paper work. Zoo had LO can't ship the same way.</i></p>		

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